

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST
DIVIDE RANGER DISTRICT

**West Fork Complex
Emergency Area Closure**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (b), the following act is prohibited on the area, roads, and trails as described in this order, within the Divide Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest until further notice:

1. Going into or being upon the fire area as described below and depicted on the attached map that is closed for the protection of public health or safety. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
2. Being on a trail described below that is posted as closed. **36 CFR 261.55(a)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The area closure includes National Forest System lands on all or parts of the following areas: From Elwood Pass at the junction of FSR 380 and San Juan National Forest (SJNF) Road 667, north along FSR380 up to the junction with US Hwy 160, northeast along US Hwy 160 to its junction with CO State Hwy 149, North along CO State Hwy 149 (approximately 1 mile) to where it crosses the Rio Grande River, Northwest along the Rio Grande River to the point where State Hwy 149 crosses the Rio Grande River above Wagon Wheel Gap, then continuing along State Hwy 149 to its junction with FSR550 (Deep Creek Road). West along FSR 550 to the junction with CO State Hwy. 149, then along the entire length of CO State Hwy 149 (past its junction with FSR 520, FSR515, FSR510, and FSR513), to the border between the Rio Grande and the Grand Mesa Uncompaghre and Gunnison National Forest (GMUG), then west along the GMUG and Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) border, past the intersection of the RGNF, GMUG, and SJNF, continuing southwest along the Forest boundary to the San Juan/Hinsdale County Line, and back towards the east along the Forest boundary following the boundary between the Rio Grande NF and the San Juan NF past its junction with FSR 402, past Bonito Pass, and back to the Junction of FSR 380 and San Juan National Forest Road 667 near Elwood

Pass. The closure includes the following legal townships and ranges: T37N, R2E, and R 3E; T38N, R3E, R2E, R1E, R1W, R2W, R3W, R4W, R5W, and R6W; T39N, R3E, R2E, R1E, R1W, R2W, R3W, R4W, R5W, and R6W; T40N, R3E, R2E, R1E, R1W, R2W, R3W, R4W, R5W, and R6W; T41N, R2E, R1E, R1W, R2W, R3W, R4W, R5W, and R6W; T42N, R3W, and R4W.

All trails that are within and those that make up the boundaries to this area closure are **closed** due to the West Fork Complex Fire.

The above-described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Divide Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest, Archuleta, Mineral, and Rio Grande Counties, Colorado.

PURPOSE:

This closure is necessary to provide protection to forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the **West Fork Complex**.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for a individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described area.

Done at Monte Vista, Colorado this
21st day of June, 2013.

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